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This amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 11/23/2005 and further in view of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. As per the Examiner's suggestions in the response of 08/10/2005, Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 14, 23, and 27 for clarification purposes only without adding new matter. Claim 2 has been amended to correct antecedent basis issues without adding new matter. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the remarks that follow.

The present invention provides for a method to automatically retrieve and render information regarding a source of incoming communications, said method comprising a plurality of steps, one or more of said steps implemented locally or remotely, wherein the method comprises: (a) receiving an incoming communication from a source intended for one or more recipients, said incoming communications comprising a plurality of communication types further comprising at least one of e-mail, telephone, fax, IM, collaborative message, or combination thereof; (b) detecting identity of said source; (c) retrieving from a database, data regarding said detected source, and extracting data comprising any of, or a combination of, the following information: to-do entries, future and past event entries, journal entries, and profile information; (d) summarizing said extracted data; (e) notifying said one or more recipients of said incoming communication, and (f) rendering said data in one or more electronic devices associated with said one or more recipients of said incoming communication. The present invention also provides an article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein implementing the steps of this method.

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The present invention also provides for a system for automatic retrieval and rendering of information related to one or more sources, wherein the system comprises: (a) one or more databases storing information related to one or more sources, said databases accessible over one or more networks; (b) one or more device agents detecting incoming communications from said sources, said incoming communications comprising a plurality of communication types further comprising at least one of e-mail, telephone, fax, IM, collaborative message, or combination thereof, said device agents further extracting identity of said sources; (c) a retrieval manager operatively linked to said agents initiating retrieval of data, regarding said identified sources, from said databases, and (d) a presenter operatively linked to said retrieval manager rendering said retrieved data in one or more electronic devices.

The present invention also provides for a method for facilitating business transactions, based on information retrieved over the World Wide Web, wherein the method comprises: receiving an incoming communication from a business, said incoming communication comprising a plurality of communication types further comprising at least one of e-mail, telephone, fax, IM, collaborative message, or combination thereof; detecting identity of said business; accessing the World Wide Web and retrieving and extracting information related to said detected identity; summarizing said extracted information, and performing a business transaction based on said summarized information. The present invention also provides an article of manufacture comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein implementing the steps of this method.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-14, 18-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Zhang et al. (USP 6,016,478). Claims 23-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Arent (USP 6,018,724). As per the Examiner's suggestions in the response of

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08/10/2005, Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 14, 23, and 27 for clarification purposes only without adding new matter. For a claim to be properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), each and every element of the claim must be found in a single reference. Both the Zhang and Arent references, either singly or in combination, fail to provide or suggest many of the claimed elements.

With respect to independent claims 1, 10, and 14, the examiner points to Figure 10, element 1002 of the Zhang invention as providing for detecting the identity of said source; however, a closer analysis of discussion associated with this component provides for “compos[ing] scheduling message for event.” Applicants are unsure how Zhang’s limitation of composing a scheduling message can be interpreted as a step of detecting the identity of the source.

Also, with respect to independent claims 1, 10, and 14, the Examiner also cites column 31, lines 15-65 and column 5, lines 50-55 as providing for retrieving data from a database based on the identity of the sender of the communication; however, the referenced sections speak to parameters describing group events, specifically, a new group appointment data structure and a function for adding a group event to the group scheduling database. Applicants are unsure how such a limitation described in Zhang can be equated to the step of retrieving data from a database based on the identity of the sender of the communication.

Also, with respect to independent claims 1, 10, and 14, the Examiner cites column 6, lines 15-45 of Zhang as providing for rendering data in one or more electronic devices associated with the recipient of incoming communication; however, the referenced sections make no mention of communication to any personal device, any formatting, or summarizing of

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information. Rather, Zhang simply provides that scheduling messages are processed upon transmit and receipt from a remote client. Figure 11, element 1103 of the Zhang reference, as referenced by the Examiner, provides for parsing messages from identified senders and recipients whereas the present invention provides for *detecting the identity* of a communication sender and *obtaining further information* on that sender.

With regards to independent claims 23 and 27, the Examiner cites the Arent reference as providing for facilitating business transactions, based on information retrieved over the World Wide Web. The Arent reference is included primarily for its teaching of an authentication method that informs a user as to the success or failure of a security or authentication protocol. The Arent reference, in figure 2, elements 200, 240, 250, and 270 provides for requesting proof of certification from a merchant, authenticating the merchant, and certifying or refusing to certify the merchant as authentic. The Arent reference simply ensures that a merchant “is who he says he is”. In other words, the only information that is used to make this certification is information provided by the merchant itself; no other information is searched for, retrieved, or extracted.

In contrast, the present invention provides for detecting the identity of the business, and then accessing the World Wide Web to find more information about the business and summarizing this extracted information related to the detected identity. The present invention provides for more than simply authenticating the identity, it provides a user about to engage in a business transaction more information about the business with which they are about to transact business. Applicants respectfully contend that the Arent reference teaches the opposite; an “electronic” wallet that holds information related to the user, not to the business.

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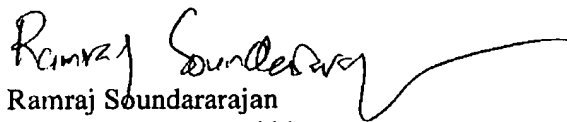
Based on previous telephone interviews, the current amendment, the arguments presented above, and the Examiner's own suggestions/statements in the response of 08/10/2005, Applicants respectfully submit that Independent claims 1, 10, 14, 23, and 27 are not anticipated or rendered obvious by the art of record, and are hence in allowable form. Applicants also submit that the pending dependent claims 2-9, 11-13, 15-22, and 24-26 are also allowable as they depend from an allowable independent claim.

As has been detailed above, none of the references, cited or applied, provide for the specific claimed details of applicants' presently claimed invention, nor renders them obvious. It is believed that this case is in condition for allowance and reconsideration thereof and early issuance is respectfully requested.

As this amendment has been timely filed within the set period of response, no petition for extension of time or associated fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fees provided to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

If it is felt that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' representative at the below number.

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